

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. - 41. (Previously Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) A stack of two or more index cards, wherein each said index card may be selectively secured to a mounting substrate and comprises:

a first substrate selected from the group consisting of paper, card stock, and cardboard and having a writeable surface on a first side thereof and a mounting surface on a second opposite side thereof; and

a securing mechanism comprising a recess formed on the second side of the first substrate, the first side of the first substrate having no surface discontinuities relative to the recess, and a repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive exposed on the second side of the first substrate, the adhesive disposed only within the recess, the recess having a depth, relative to an unrecessed portion of the second side of the first substrate, which is sufficient to space the adhesive from the mounting substrate in the absence of the application of the threshold level of pressure,

wherein in the absence of a threshold level of pressure applied on the first side of the first substrate to the securing mechanism, the pressure sensitive adhesive is spaced from the mounting substrate, and wherein the sheet is deformable such that a threshold level of pressure applied to the first side of the first substrate on the securing mechanism brings the pressure sensitive adhesive into sheet-securing engagement with the mounting substrate; and

wherein said index cards are arranged top to bottom such that a second side of a first index card is in contact with a first side of a second index card, said repositionable adhesive on said second side of said first index card is exposed to said first side of said second index card, and said first index card and said second index card do not stick to one another.

43. – 45. (Previously Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein after said cards have been secured to the mounting substrate, upon removal of the sheet from the mounting substrate, the securing mechanism substantially returns to its original undeformed shape.

47. – 55. (Previously Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein the first substrate has an upper edge, and wherein the securing mechanism comprises:

- a score line on the first substrate which is spaced from and parallel to the upper edge of the first substrate; and

- a cut formed through the first substrate, the cut extending from a first end on the score line toward the upper edge to a first turn, extending from the first turn along and spaced from the upper edge to a second turn, and then extending from the second turn away from the upper edge to a second end of the cut on the score line.

57. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 56 wherein the cut has a portion thereof which extends parallel to the upper edge of the first substrate.

58. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 56 wherein a spacing portion of the first substrate is defined by the upper edge thereof, the score line, and the cut.

59. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 58 wherein the securing mechanism further comprises:

- the adhesive being disposed on the second side of the first substrate above the score line; and
- the spacing portion of the first substrate being folded over so that the adhesive thereon is bonded to the second side of the first substrate, thereby defining an upper non-folded tab portion of the first substrate bearing adhesive, and thereby forming a raised layer on the second side of the first substrate which defines the standoff element and which has a

thickness sufficient to space the adhesive on the tab portion from the mounting substrate in the absence of the threshold level of pressure.

60. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 58 wherein the securing mechanism further comprises:

the adhesive being disposed on the second side of the first substrate below the score line; and the spacing portion of the first substrate being folded over so that at least a section thereon is bonded to the second side of the first substrate by the adhesive, with the folded over spacing portion forming a raised layer, relative to adhesive exposed adjacent thereto, which defines the standoff element and which has a thickness sufficient to space the adhesive exposed from the mounting substrate in the absence of the threshold level of pressure.

61. – 62. (Previously Canceled)

63. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein the first substrate has an upper edge, and wherein the recess has an upper border which extends along and is spaced from the upper edge of the first substrate.

64. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 63 wherein the first substrate has first and second side edges, and wherein the recess extends across the first substrate from first side edge to the second side edge thereof.

65. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein the exposed pressure sensitive adhesive has an edge on the second side of first substrate, and wherein the securing mechanism comprises a spacer layer of material on the second side of the first substrate adjacent the edge of the exposed pressure sensitive adhesive, the spacer layer having a shape relative to the adhesive and having a height greater than a height of the adhesive, said shape and height of the spacer layer being sufficient to space the adhesive from the mounting substrate in the absence of the application of the threshold level of pressure.

66. – 68. (Previously Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein said cards can be shuffled without adhering to other cards.

70. (Previously Presented) The stack of claim 42 wherein each said card has a plurality of ruled lines printed on said writeable surface.